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FROM : FBZ

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SUBJECT: Language Lessons, Request for

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1. [REDACTED] the world. In the gradual change-over to CE responsibility from the [REDACTED] to the Station, personnel in semi-cover face an exceedingly important operational and CE processing responsibility. To meet this responsibility, FBZ has selected some of its most able individuals from a technical standpoint without regard to language. It has now in place four individuals and proposes to add three or four more in the next few months to fill the approved T/O set up to meet the operational demands of the station. 25X1C  
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2. [REDACTED] is a large, superficially modern metropolis, populated by a polyglot mixture in which the dominant languages are [REDACTED] and English. It is possible to operate on the basis of English, but the possession by some of the staff of additional languages is essential to top effectiveness. 25X1A6a

3. It is recommended that the Chief of Station be approved to take [REDACTED] both as a means of bringing him into contact with certain personalities that he cannot normally reach otherwise, and as a real means of learning to speak and read the language. 25X1A6a

4. It is recommended that the two responsible and operationally experienced women employees be approved to take sufficient [REDACTED] to acquire a rudimentary reading knowledge essential to the determination of character, content and general meaning of documents handled. 25X1A6a

5. It is further recommended that all three be requested to take sufficient [REDACTED]

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6. It is recommended that the acquisition of languages by these three be put on the basis of a one year program and an expenditure limited to \$600. At the end of a year, the desirability of having the Chief of Station continue his [REDACTED] will be reviewed. The investment is definitely of long-term value, since the three individuals have been and will continue to be career employees. 25X1A6a

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